

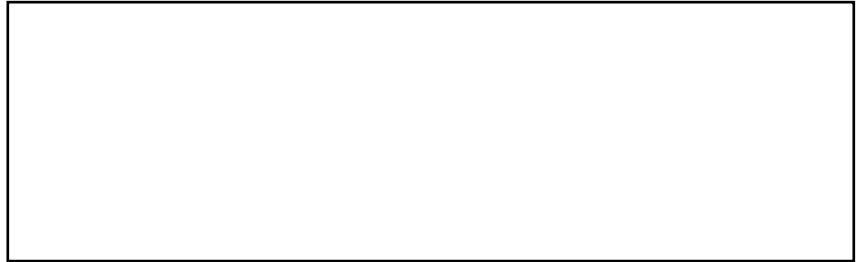
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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
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**2023 EDITION**



**President’s Message** by Helen Mitcham

It’s that time of year ... so let me be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas! Happy Hannukah! And Happy New Year! So many family traditions in the coming weeks – Enjoy yourselves and if you’re traveling this season, please come back safe and sound!

Just a couple of words about Halloween ... it was another raving success! Different than previous years and very successful! The kids had fun and oh my gosh did we have cakes and goodies for the Cake Walk! Thank you, Lori Gomez, for leading the charge and for all the ladies who helped bring joy – and candy – to lots of kids (big and small!)

NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT? Check the calendar ... There are no dinner events shown for January or February. Any idea why? The board wants to know what events you think should go on the calendar? Is there some special theme dinner you’d like to see at the Center? Are you willing to help in the kitchen? With decorations? Any family traditions you’d like to share with the valley?

The Board has tossed around chili cook-offs, spaghetti night (we should reserve that one as a fundraiser for a new stove). We’re willing to try some new ideas and we think you have them! Let us know your ideas and how you can help deliver these events to your community!

Last month I also asked what would bring you to a meeting – would speakers help? Who would you like to hear from? I’m working on getting Code Enforcement to come after the first of the year ... maybe Sheriff? Send your thoughts and ideas to svlpoa@gmail.com. I offered that last month and ... crickets! Nothing!

Remember, it’s time to renew your SVLPOA membership OR get your first one! It’s a deal! Your \$10 gets you membership for 2024 and a breakfast discount ... plus when you buy 6 breakfasts you get your 7th free! It really IS the best breakfast in the county! And in March you are invited to our annual Members Dinner. This is your community – join the fun! \$10 per adult is a steal!

One last thing – our annual Christmas Dinner with Santa and all the fixins’ is December 16th. We’ll start out with Santa making his grand appearance with toys for our kids. Be sure to get name, age and boy or girl info to Lori or Vicki before December 13th. Gifts are for valley children only. Valley residents are being asked to pay \$5 per person (kids under 5 are free) for this holiday feast. Non-residents will be charged \$10 each at the door. Here’s the menu: turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, green beans, dressing, rolls, cranberry sauce, candied yams and desserts. You can’t beat it for old-fashioned country Christmas! You won’t be disappointed!

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**Contact Information**

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Emergency Services          | 911          |
| Sheriff Dispatch            | 707-263-2690 |
| CDF-Clearlake Oaks (Hwy 20) | 707-998-3711 |
| Northshore Fire             | 707-274-3100 |
| Animal Care and Control     | 707-263-0278 |
| Special Districts - Water   | 707-263-0119 |
| Poison Control              | 800-222-1222 |

**SVLPOA OFFICERS**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| President – Helen Mitcham         | 707-998-9194 |
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| Camp Keys – Helen Mitcham         | 707-998-9194 |
| Com. Cntr. Rntl – Connie Sager    | 707-303-0797 |
| News Letter – Kristin Langdale    | 707-540-25   |

**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**

**December**

|     |    |     |  |
|-----|----|-----|--|
| Dec | 6  | Wed | Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am |
| Dec | 6  | Wed | EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.                        |
| Dec | 10 | Sun | SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am -11am            |
| Dec | 16 | Sat | <b>Christmas Dinner</b> Community Center 5pm -10pm     |
| Dec | 21 | Thu | Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am |

**January**

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|-----|----|-----|--|
| Jan | 3  | Wed | Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am |
| Jan | 3  | Wed | EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.                        |
| Jan | 3  | Tue | CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7 pm            |
| Jan | 14 | Sat | SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am             |
| Jan | 18 | Thu | Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-11am |
| Jan | 18 | Thu | SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.               |
| Jan | 26 | Thu | Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm                      |

**February**

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|-----|----|-----|--|
| Feb | 7  | Wed | Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am |
| Feb | 7  | Wed | EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm                         |
| Feb | 7  | Wed | CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7pm             |
| Feb | 11 | Sun | SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am             |
| Feb | 15 | Thu | Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-11am |
| Feb | 15 | Thu | SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm                |

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**ON THE GREENBELT** by Joe Welz

It's the 18th of November and it rained, the leaves have started to fall and the motorcycles are racing around at high-speed popping wheelies that one little red quad with three kids on it spinning donuts by the shower room. The other day the blackest, grayest dust 20-30 feet high; so thick you couldn't see the red quad or their kids on it. As they rode by awhile later, I motioned for them to stop, but they flipped me off while the little one on the back trying to impress the bigger kids yelled out F&#\$ you! Such little darlings, how they make me feel so good about working so hard, for many years, keeping things picked up and keeping the walking trails open for a safe place for all to enjoy.

Motorcycles and quad riding are not allowed anywhere on the green belt or campground. Only campers may ride from campsites to main gate and back at 5 MPH. Reasons for this is simple, noise and dust why should 4 or 5 kids be allowed to ruin our tranquility.

Cal. Fire will be out this season working on fallen trees. Making some areas be closed for safety only a day or two. Please stay clear of all workers in our valley, Thank you.

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Firewood will be available on a first come, first serve basis. For Valley residents only. Please no wood sellers. If there's any interest in firewood or helping in the green belt, please call 707-998-1948.

A hold harmless release must be signed and you are responsible for clean-up.

Rain fall as of November 21, 2023 was at 2.90 inches. IVR storage is at 148,109-acre feet.

The rut is coming to a close but watch out for the deer while driving. When you have time, go for a walk, enjoy our home.

**Happy Holidays!**

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**Sunday Breakfast**

**8 AM – 11 AM**

**All you can eat Buffet**

Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Potatoes O'Brien, Sausage and Bacon,  
Biscuits and Country Gravy.

**Only One Special Order per person, from the Kitchen.**

Omelets, Pancakes, Waffles or any Sunday special  
Unlimited Coffee and Juice Included in the Price.



SVLPOA Members (\$8)

Adults (\$10)

Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

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**WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary**

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers, Marty Diesman, Deborah Edwards, Vickie Estrella, Evan Griffiths, Howard & Kasey Holt, Barbara & Patrick Jiron, Madeline & Lorelei Lewak-Franco, Anthony & Claudia Lindheimer, Daniel Myer, Bryan Schwartz, and Dirk Widman that keep the Firewise program working!!

Also, thank you to all the neighbors who have been keeping their properties trimmed and cleared of brush and the residents who have reported their expenses and time for the end of year report. Talk to your neighbors about helping me with the totals.

Joe Welz has been our greenbelt manager for many years. His work is the reason there have been very few fire emergencies on the 260 acres of the Lake County owned property in the middle of our subdivision. Let him know you appreciate his hard work.

It looks like the rainy season has started. If you are planning to burn tree waste, be sure you get a burn permit from the Northshore Fire Dept. or the Air Quality Control staff. If you need Firewise volunteers help, or would like to help, call 707-998-3004.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** by Lori Gomez

Spring Valley Community Center will be hosting Christmas Dinner on December 16, 2023. Bar open at 5:00 pm, Dinner served at 6pm. Everyone is welcome Spring Valley and New Long Valley Resident\$5.00 per plate. People from out of the Valley \$10.00 per plate.

Santa will be there to hand out presents to Spring Valley and New Long Valley children only. If you plan to attend and want your child to receive a present you must let us know ahead of time. We need their name, age and gender.

You can call me, Lori at 707-317-4711 or any Board member to put your child's name on Santa 's List.

**CENA NAVIDENA** by Lori Gomez

Spring Valley el centro de la comunidad estara orgunicando la cena Navidena en 16 de diciembre del 2023. El bar estara avierta a las 5:00pm. La cena estara cervida a las 6:00pm, todes seran bien venoidos. Se cobrara \$5.00 por ersona a los residents de aruera de la comundias se les cobrara \$10.00 pr persona.

Santta estara resartiendo regalos a todos los ninos de Spring Valley y New Long Valley. Si usted y su familia estan planeando en aestir fabor de llamar a 707-317-4711 (Lori) y informe a ella con su hijo o hija con la edad, nombre y genero con bastante tiempo adetantado con la informasion.

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**Halloween Event** by Lori Gomez

I want to give special thanks to Valerie Jennings and June Howerton for their endless hours of work to help me put this event together. It takes lots of hard work to put on an event here at the Community Center and I am thankful for all the volunteers for their help and generosity. I believe we pulled it off. The kids seemed to enjoy playing the games and all made off with full bags of candy and prizes. Special thanks to the Community for their generous donations of candy and cakes. We had 36 beautiful cakes and tubs of candy.

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**CAMPGROUNDS** by Helen Mitcham

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK? The Community Center looks pretty great, right? Just little paint at the very top and one trim board to slip into place and the siding job is complete on the front. It's been a little too damp to finish the paint but at least now we're ready to get the overhang replaced. A big thank you goes out to the main crew: John Nell, Sean Rudden, Jeff Graves and Anthony Lindheimer; and the others who came down to lend a hand or hold a ladder or bring lunch. Bill Stanley, Louie Gomez, Scott Prewett, Claudia Lindheimer, Victor Nichols, and Darius (didn't get his last name). It was a true group effort – thanks John for leading the pack! Now we're ready to get the overhang back up – a little more securely this time! The material list is being put together and I have my fingers crossed we can get the same bunch ... and maybe a few more ... to start this much-needed project. I'm told it should go together quickly but I know how these things go. Like I said last month – after all, this WAS an old haybarn from Old Long Valley Road! We hope everyone is enjoying the new lights on the building. It makes a world of difference when you're coming or going after dark. Thank you, Anthony!

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Probably along with roofing the new overhang, we will be repairing the roof on the bathroom/shower building (remember a limb fell onto it and punched a hole last spring? It's patched now but will get a real fix soon.

The "gremlins" were out and about in the campground just before Thanksgiving. One of them pushed the portable toilet over the bank – well almost. If it wasn't for one small pine it would have been a huge mess! As it was, it just needed a little elbow grease, a strap and a pick-up. COME ON NOW! REALLY! WAS THAT NECESSARY?

See Joe's article for information on the controlled burn that will be handled by the Konocti Camp workers soon after Thanksgiving.

I hope you and your families had a terrific Thanksgiving and are bundled up for what looks like a very cold couple of weeks before Santa comes to town!

See you in the campground!

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**CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD** by Cindy Storrs

Present: Jim McDole; Helen Mitcham; Scott Prewett; Ed Smith; Cindy Storrs

November 1, 2023

**7:00 PM Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public input on items not on the agenda**

- Celebrating the community work done by folks, "Saints" on this All-Saints Day

**Info from the EaRTH Meeting**

- Problems with kids on 4-wheeler, dirt bikes in the campground and about the valley; dangerous; disrespectful; a community member present shared some information about the family location; possible intervention by an EaRTH member to the school board.

**Approval of October 4th minutes**

**Chair Report**

- **PG&E Undergrounding:** the roadway will be resurfaced when they are finished with the undergrounding project; current path of the undergrounding if from the beginning of NLV Road to where the pavement ends; undergrounding from where the pavement ends is being negotiated with the private parties who own and maintain the road; *Helen will check with Scott and ask for an undergrounding project map.*
- **Water usage & loss:** it has been reported that a large, portable water tank has been seen in the back of a silver black/ pickup coming into the valley empty and leaving full; Helen asked SD if they would use the cameras placed to capture the identity of the vehicles would be checked for information. Clarifying discussion ensued about the cameras and their use. They are license plate readers purchased with BOS funds. *EJ will work to get them viewed.*
- Win Cary has written an article for our newsletter and she wrote that someone in your office told her ... "our community water is for in-house use only. It is not to be used for outdoor lawns, plants, or animals." *That's not an accurate statement and I'll reinforce the correct message with staff. Our position is that the potable water is for residential and commercial use only, not for agricultural use. This allows for household usage including outdoor lawns, gardens (even up to 6 marijuana plants), animals, etc. in conjunction with a residence. It doesn't allow for large agricultural grows of grapes, walnuts, marijuana, etc. nor large scale animal husbandry operations (herds of cattle or horses). It doesn't allow for those ancillary uses outside of residential or commercial use, i.e. no garden on a vacant lot.*

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- *Helen will inquire with SD about the process for forgiving a proportion of a water bill when the circumstances are extreme, property water leak, etc.” This will be a future agenda item so that the Board can explore the issue and possibly make recommendations to SD about the process, the costs, the rate of forgiveness, etc.*
- **Generator:** *“Typically our EMT’s will test the generator on a regular basis, depending on the generator it’s usually weekly or monthly. I suspect, but haven’t confirmed, that this is the case for the generator at the plant. When power is disrupted, the crews will check the water level in the tank to determine the urgency for when to run the generator. If tank levels are at the point that the high service pumps would kick in, then the staff will energize the generator, run the plant and the high service pumps, and fill the tanks. At the point that the plant shuts off the generator would then be turned off as well.”*
- **Quail Trail project (G#1) – no change**
- **Bridge projects (G#2) Here is what I got from DPW:**
- *Chalk Mountain Bridge Replacement Project has been awarded to Stewart Engineering Inc. (SEI). The construction contract agreement, performance and payment bonds were forwarded to SEI for processing. We should hold our Pre-Construction sometime this next month. Project Engineers and Managers are all contacting Steve Phillips, and working with David Bingham on a part time basis to handle construction management for active construction projects. I am checking our permits to determine what construction can be done during the coming winter months (inside the streambed and out).*

*Upper Wolf Creek Bridge Replacement Project is proceeding well. Our goal is to have a PS&E package at 100% by the end of the year. PG&E surprised me at a meeting in mid-October by asking for three 8” PVC conduits to be included inside the bridge structure. I had imagined PG&E only needing one. Each conduit will land in an appropriately sized junction box on either side of the bridge (to be filled later by PG&E). This seems like overkill on the size and number of conduits, but PG&E will pay for all facilities. Sometime this month I need to ask for federal participation in the relocation of your water main to the new bridge structure.*

*Lower Wolf Creek Bridge Replacement is the current responsibility of Pablo Pantaleon. As the Project Engineer, he should be able to provide Special Districts with the status of this project. I believe they are still in the design phase of this project*

- **Hot asphalt equipment (G#4)**

*“The hot asphalt machine has not been ordered yet...I’m going to bring that process in house and work with our purchasing agent to get the quotes and if I have questions, I will contact Jim. ..I’m sorry it’s been a bit since the budget was adopted to get this going, but we seem to have the misunderstandings figured out now.”* Due to the lateness of the season, it is projected that this work will begin next Spring

- **North Shore Station 77 (G#5 & 6)**

Fire Station (Station 77) is coming along. The interior structure is in place, the rollup doors are installed; septic system is being installed. The station landscaping will reflect CalFire’s mandate (law is currently on the books and enforcement will begin in 2024) of a 5ft bare margin, followed by a 10 Ft minimal margin (low plants) and the 100 ft defensible space margin. The old siren was used to call the volunteers. No plans for an early warning siren at this point. Early Warning Sirens are managed by the LCSO.

#### **Finance & Budget (G#7)**

- FY 23-24 The Finance Committee is still in limbo. Missing information. Discussion with EJ: what can be done? Is something holding it up? Any issues that are on our side? What can be done to move this forward? Have not received year end 2022-2023. New budget just arrived to us. *EJ will follow up and get answers to Helen.*

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**Lake Recovery Project – update**

- Permits - ACOE (G#3) *“Special Districts, the Biologist and Anchor QEA met with Army Corp and went over the project. From that meeting we are working with Anchor to minimize and avoid impacts to waters of the US as much as possible and then create mitigation for any of the impacts we cannot avoid or minimize. Once we have the revised mapping and mitigation, we will meet*
- *with Army Corp again to go over the impacts and mitigation and see if they are okay with the level of avoidance and mitigation to move forward. Once they are okay with our level of avoidance and mitigation, I will get the permit application submitted. We have submitted the request to Army Corp for a Jurisdictional Determination, this precedes the issuance of a permit.”*
- **Financing**

The grant application project with the Bureau of Reclamation is underway. *“The Bureau of Reclamation grant requires a 25-50% match. Amounts vary. We are looking to leverage some of our IRWM grant funds and use them as the match”* Helen will write the letter of support and urge SD to consider the *income/poverty level of valley residents”* This process was used when the water plant was installed and it reduced the required match greatly.

Motion was made to cancel the December meeting and meet again at our regular meeting day and time: January 3, 2024. Approved. Any necessary Board business will result in a special board meeting.

*Italicized portions represent either to be researched or SDA response*

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**SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION (SVLPOA)**

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| Membership Form Effective 2024<br>Annual Dues: January 1 – December 31. \$10 per Member (18 years or older)  |                                     |
| Date: _____  | Total Memberships: _____            |
| Name: _____<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <span>First</span> <span>Last</span> </div>  |                                     |
| Phone: _____   | Spring Valley Street Address: _____ |
| Mailing Address (if different): _____ City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____   |                                     |
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**BIRTHDAYS - WEDDING-ANNIVERSARY-OBITUARY** by Kristin Langdale

I would like to start by saying if you have an announcement you would like to share with the people of the Valley, please give me a call: Kristin Langdale 707-540-2589. By the last week of the month and let me know what you have to announce, I will run Submitted announcements by SVLPOA Board first. If accepted then it will be run in the following months Newsletter.

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